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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2018

At a meeting held on 13 February 2019, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2018.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during September 2018, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 12,510 mill. tons, which is 3,26% or 421 210 tons less than the final crop estimate figure of 12,931 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 6,540 mill. tons, which is 3,85% or 261 560 tons less than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 5,970 mill. tons, which is 2,60% or 159 650 tons less than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 862 000 tons, an increase of 3 395 tons or 0,40% compared to the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop were adjusted upward by 4,68% (or 5 145 tons). The soybeans crop was slightly adjusted downward, from 1 550 800 tons to 1 540 000 tons, which is 0,70% or 10 800 tons less. The groundnuts crop were adjusted upward by 6,05% (or 3 250 tons).

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2018 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

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SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2018:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2018 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2018 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED SEP 2018 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ SEP 2018 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 268 100	6 540 000	1 268 100	6 801 560	-3,85
Yellow Maize	1 050 750	5 970 000	1 050 750	6 129 650	-2,60
Total Maize	2 318 850	12 510 000	2 318 850	12 931 210	-3,26
Sunflower seed	601 500	862 000	601 500	858 605	+0,40
Soybeans	787 200	1 540 000	787 200	1 550 800	-0,70
Groundnuts	56 300	57 000	56 300	53 750	+6,05
Sorghum	28 800	115 000	28 800	109 855	+4,68

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 September 2018

CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar 2018 - Jan 2019) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Feb 2019) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, etc. Tons
White Maize	6 540 000	6 306 786	33 214	200 000
Yellow Maize	5 970 000	5 555 352	64 648	350 000
Total Maize	12 510 000	11 862 138	97 862	550 000
Sorghum	115 000	111 672	1 928	1 400
Sunflower seed	862 000	860 221	1 779	-
Soybeans	1 540 000	1 496 318	5 682	38 000
Groundnuts	57 000	56 417	383	200

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.

3) Projected deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS) for the month of February. With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.